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The latest offering from the Water Education Foundation is Aguapedia.com, an online resource for water information. It focuses on water issues in California and neighboring states, but also has AQUAPEDIA information on matters with global implications.



The site includes resource articles, interactive maps, and a directory of government and private water agencies.

Report assesses climate change elements in urban water management plans A <u>new report</u> from UC Berkeley looks at urban water management plans (UWMPs) in California. It assesses how water suppliers have considered the effects of climate change and greenhouse gas emissions in their 2010 plans. There are also recommendations on ways DWR can improve climate change guidance for future UWMPs.

Ag roundtable offers guidelines to deal with effects of nitrogen on groundwater

The California Roundtable on Agriculture and the Environment (CRAE) has put together policy guidelines to address the long-term effects of agricultural nitrogen on groundwater. The guidelines include the



need to provide more technical support to farmers and the recognition that the behavior of nitrogen in agricultural environments can vary from region to region.

**New Central Valley draft** regional flood atlases made available online

Six draft regional flood atlases for the Central Valley are available for review on the DWR website. The atlases show the flood risk characteristics and hazards in each region. They are part of the development of flood management plans for regions identified in the 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.

The concept of ecosystem services gets a boost from Defenders of Wildlife

Balancing the interests of nature and society is the basis of a new report from Defenders of Wildlife. It explores the concept of ecosystem services, which is defined as the benefits nature provides. The report includes ways for policymakers to improve natural resource conservation by considering ecosystem services in their development decisions.

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